Leahy Amendment No. 2642, to include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits.

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Graham Amendment No. 2669, to prohibit the use of funds for the prosecution in Article III courts of the United States of individuals involved in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Chair sustained a point of order against Bunning Amendment No. 2653, to require that all legislative matters be available and fully scored by CBO 72 hours before consideration by any subcommittee or committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate, as being in violation of Rule XVI, paragraph 4, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill, and the amendment thus fell.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 8, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, October 13, 2009. Page S10328

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, with the hour prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute, be for debate with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Mikulski and Shelby, or their designees; provided further, that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments be 3 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

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Conference Reports:

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act Conference Report: By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 318), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

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Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act Conference Report–Cloture: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, October 13, 2009. Page S10328

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture vote on the conference report occur upon disposition of H.R. 2847, provided that if cloture is not invoked on the substitute amendment to H.R. 2847, then a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the substitute be considered entered; that the cloture vote on the bill be delayed to occur upon reconsideration, and that upon reconsideration and cloture is not invoked on the substitute, then the cloture motion on the bill be withdrawn; provided further, that if cloture has not been invoked as specified above, then the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, occur one hour after the Senate convenes on Wednesday, October 14, 2009. Page S10328

Appointments:

United States-China Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276n, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the United States-China Interparliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: Senator Murray.

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President's Export Council: The Chair, pursuant to Executive Order 12131, renewed by Executive Order 13446, reappointed and appointed the following Members to the President's Export Council:

Reappointment:

Senator Cornyn.

Appointment:

Senators Crapo and Enzi.

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Senators Kennedy and Martinez Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the deadline for the tributes to Senators Kennedy and Martinez to be submitted to the Congressional Record be extended until Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States: